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JOINT STATEMENT ON ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Legislature's Joint Finance Committee approves funding for TAD and AIM programs

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker and County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement in response to the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance approval of funding for Milwaukee County's Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program and Assess, Inform, Measure (AIM) program:

“We thank Senator Lena Taylor, Senator Alberta Darling, and Representative Pedro Colón for their leadership. By working with the courts and prosecutors, we have the opportunity to take a different approach to criminal justice. The TAD and AIM programs are tools that Milwaukee County can use as alternatives to prosecution for individuals who use alcohol or other drugs. Early intervention programs result in better outcomes for individuals who need rehabilitation in our community. We appreciate the State's investment in these programs, which can benefit the entire correctional system in Wisconsin by reducing jail and prison terms.”

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